

Selected Articles: Sacred Tree or Paradise Tree? The Christmas Tree and Nature

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[Sacred Tree or Paradise Tree? The Christmas Tree and Nature](#)

By [Caoimhghin Ó Croidheáin](#), December 22, 2023

It is believed that December 25 became the date for Christ's birth "to coincide with existing pagan festivals honouring Saturn (the Roman god of agriculture) and Mithra (the Persian god of light). That way, it became easier to convince Rome's pagan subjects to accept Christianity as the empire's official religion."



[Remember World War I, the 1914 Christmas Truce. "The Power of Peace in the Time of War." In 2023, "Let It Happen Again" in Solidarity with Palestine. Abolish All Wars](#)

By [Dr. Jacques R. Pauwels](#) and [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), December 25, 2023

Today, we are "fraternizing" and acting in solidarity Worldwide with the People of Palestine against the hegemonic agenda of the U.S. and its allies which are waging an all-out war against humanity.



[Ukraine Cannot Mobilise 500,000 Soldiers While Artillery Shortage Compounds Problems](#)

By [Ahmed Adel](#), December 26, 2023

Although martial law and a decree on general mobilisation have been in force in Ukraine since February 2022, and men between the ages of 18 and 60 are now banned from leaving the country, the Ukrainian military said they did not know how to mobilise an additional 500,000 soldiers, as volunteers had "exhausted."



[Bethlehem's Bombed-out Nativity Sculpture Sends a Powerful Message](#)

By [Monjed Jadou](#), December 26, 2023

This year, Bethlehem is sombre and quiet. There is no Christmas tree and there are [no holiday lights or tourists](#) to see them. Instead, the city of Jesus's birth – which is in the middle of a war zone – is marking Christmas with a powerful and poignant message: solidarity with Palestine.



[The Unipolar World Has Ended and the Multipolar World Has Commenced](#)

By [Prof. Joseph H. Chung](#), December 25, 2023

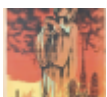
The book explains that the origin of the deep state is the Ashkenazi Jewish financial power elites formed in England centuries ago and expanded into a global network, a Huge Financial Empire in the world managed by the American financial network such as Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Lehman Brother and other institutions.



[Hamas' "Guests" — Table Manners in Israel vs. Arab Traditional Values: The History of Palestinian Solidarity with Jewish Immigrants](#)

By [Rima Najjar](#), December 24, 2023

The image of the pristine table arrangement in Tel Aviv graphically represents a western settler-colonial reality. The images of the frenetic scramble for food on top of humanitarian aid trucks by starving Palestinians only increased the grotesqueness of this image below and its associations in my mind.



[Vichy-like Allies of 21st Century Zionism against the People of Palestine](#)

By [Irwin Jerome](#), December 23, 2023

One could argue that the horrors of what is happening in 2023 to indigenous Palestinians are once again faced with Zionist Israel's unrelenting brutal aggression, and those Vichy elements that exist within governments throughout the world who also support the Zionist ideology within Israel and are willing to accept or contribute, in various different ways, to the massacres and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians.



[Today 'Peace on Earth' Must be a Demand, Not Just a Seasonal Piety](#)

By [Morning Star](#), December 26, 2023

The urgency of getting food, water and fuel to more than a million displaced Palestinians has not deterred Washington from delaying a UN resolution repeatedly, insisting on the removal of calls for a ceasefire, watering down the demand that Israel open air, land and sea routes for humanitarian assistance and blocking a proposal for the UN rather than the Israeli military to approve deliveries.



[2023 to Go Down as 'One of the Most Difficult' Years for Children Worldwide: UNICEF](#)

By [Anadolu Agency](#), December 26, 2023

As dozens of conflicts have ruthlessly robbed tens of thousands of children of their future, 2023 will be remembered as “one of the most difficult” years to be a child in, according to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).



[Gaza Facing a Christmas Genocide](#)

By [Jennifer Welborn Williams](#), December 26, 2023

Palestine’s Christian community is – not surprisingly – the oldest in the world, dating back to the first century. In Gaza, the community is now tiny, with just some 800 to 1,000 Christians remaining. But Gaza’s churches are some of the oldest in existence anywhere on the planet.

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